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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Reed, and Ranking Member Inhofe,

The Small Business Technology Council (SBTC) would like to offer its enthusiastic endorsement of Dr. Heidi Shyu's nomination as the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. Dr. Shyu understands the critical role that high-tech small business plays in the America's innovative economy. As the DOD's top technology development officer, Dr. Shyu will work with small businesses and primes to cross the valley of death in funding and speed up technology transition to get technology into the warfighter's hands quicker.

We ask that the Senate gives Dr. Shyu a prompt floor vote to confirm her, so she can begin her work to help the DOD maintain its position as the most technologically advanced military force in the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jere W. Glover". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jere W. Glover
Executive Director
Small Business Technology Council

The Small Business Technology Council (SBTC), is the nation's largest association of small, technology-based companies in diverse fields. SBTC advocates on behalf of the 6000 firms who participate in the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.